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Mayor Joe Fontana and London city councillors wearing gloves to mark the 2013 World Figure Skating Championships welcome Benoit Lavoie, president of Skate Canada, to Fontana's left, before the start of Tuesday's meeting. The good will ended when a heated debate about Coun. Sandy White's resignation from the LTC came to a halt after the councillor uttered a racial slur in what she said was an attempt to get her point across. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

Council reeling over 'N-word'

Debate grinds to a halt. Councillor goes for 'shock value' in explaining resignation from LTC board; retraction demanded

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City council dealt with business in quick order on Tuesday night — until Coun. Sandy White dropped the N-word.

White, who recently submitted her resignation from the London Transit Commission, attempted to explain her decision. She said a bus advertisement featuring pop singer Katy Perry wearing a bra with cans of whipped cream pointing out was inappropriate.

"I do not believe that pictures like this belong on the side of a family service," White said, referring to LTC buses where the ad was displayed.

Other business

- A recommendation that city staff explore existing bylaws and report back on a food-truck pilot project passed 15-0.
- Council voted 15-0 to refuse to amend city rules that would have allowed a methadone clinic at 527 Wellington St.

White then asked councillors Bill Armstrong and Paul Hubert to apologize for their recent comments that questioned the validity of her reason for resigning. Hubert had said he would not support the motion to accept White's resignation.

While Hubert did not respond to White's request for an apology, Armstrong did, but instead of apologizing, he started to explain his comments.

It was during this exchange that White used the N-word,

catching other councillors off-guard and sending the London Twitterverse into high gear.

"If the advertisement had used n---r, everyone would automatically know it's offensive," White said in an attempt to make her motive better understood.

After Mayor Joe Fontana stepped in to contain the debate, he gave the floor to Coun. Matt Brown.

"For the last several minutes, I have sat and thought about a word that was said around this horseshoe," Brown said. "I heard a word uttered by a colleague, and I need to acknowledge that and I think it would be appropriate for the member to issue a retraction. That word has no place in our society."

White did not retract her statement, saying she had used the word for "shock value" to make her point.

Fontana ended the debate and said he would review the transcripts of both the committee and council meeting.

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Market Lane, Bud Gardens prepping for prime time

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Sound and light show, Market Lane revamp to debut this weekend



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Let's light it up, London.

Londoners can get a look at a couple of highly anticipated downtown attractions for the World Figure Skating Championships this weekend.

The City of London's sound and light show will premiere on Sunday at 9 p.m. at Budweiser Gardens.

The Tree of Light will lead the audience through the movements of a figure skater, as well as the history of London. The aim of this video-mapping performance is to bring Londoners and visitors together to share a multi-media experience they won't forget.

A team of 20 media artists created this projection show, integrating archive photos with 2D and 3D animation.

The production, created by Montreal-based Moment Factory, clocks in at a little more than 10 minutes. It will be shown on the east wall of Bud Gardens at the corner of King and Talbot Streets.

Shows will be presented at 8 and 10 p.m. Monday

Ice time

The World Figure Skating Championships will be held in London from March 11 to 17.

through Friday, and at 8, 9 and 11:20 p.m. on Saturday, March 16, during the skating world.

Kicking off the weekend will be a preview of the newly revamped Market Lane on Friday at 7 p.m.

The pedestrian laneway links Dundas Street to the north entrance of the Covent Garden Market, just beside Fanshawe College's future School of Applied and Performance Arts.

Londoners are invited to join Mayor Joe Fontana and guests for a look at the new Market Lane, as well as a sneak peak at the programmable light canopy composed of 1,430 coloured LED lights.

The canopy creates displays with moving colour-shifting lights. Different atmospheres are created reflecting the changing of the seasons, special holidays and events.

Market Lane will be open to the public this Friday through Sunday, March 17. It will then be partially open on weekends to allow for exterior architectural work. The full reopening is scheduled for June.



Employees of AutoTrim Design & Signs apply beige covering to the east side of Budweiser Gardens on Tuesday. Workers are preparing for the World Figure Skating Championships' light and sound show, covering windows on the Gardens so videos can be projected, as well as installing infrastructure on Talbot Street and Market Square. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Gas plants. Liberals did not intentionally mislead Ontario house: Speaker



Chris Bentley CONTRIBUTED

The Speaker of Ontario's legislature has ruled Liberal cabinet ministers were not in contempt and did not intentionally mislead the house about the release of documents on cancelled gas plants in Oakville and Mississauga.

Speaker Dave Levac says it's clear then-energy minister Chris Bentley and other Liberals were wrong last September to insist all gas-plant documents had been released when another 20,000 pages turned up in October, and more last month.

However, in the absence of any evidence to the contrary,

Levac says he must assume the Liberals were being honest and believed their statements to be true at the time.

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Fast-food safety

Tim Hortons to review emergency policy after teen's asthma attack

Tim Hortons is planning to review its policy on emergencies after a teenage boy suffered an asthma attack at a location just south of downtown, a company spokesperson says.

It happened on Sunday afternoon at Horton and Wellington Streets, and a London woman who witnessed the ordeal says Tim Hortons employees did nothing to help.

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Middlesex

Woman's body found on trail

Middlesex OPP are investigating after a woman's body was discovered at Lake Whittaker Conservation Area just outside of London.

A passerby was walking along a trail around 3 p.m. Tuesday and found a 19-year-old's lifeless body, according to police.

"She had no vital signs," said Cst. Troy Carlson. "She has since been transported to Ingersoll hospital where she was pronounced deceased."

Carlson says OPP are in the beginning stages of their investigation.

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Transport truck

Bodies recovered after 401 plunge

Provincial police say two bodies have been recovered from the Nith River near Cambridge where a transport truck left Highway 401 and plunged into the river on Tuesday morning.

Police are treating the operation as a "recovery effort" and there was no immediate word on when the eastbound highway lanes (west of Cambridge at Drumbo Road) would be reopened.

It's believed the truck, which was hauling computer equipment, had two drivers inside when it dove into the river at 11:30 a.m.

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Conference. Helping students get out of bubble

Regardless of what colour your "student bubble" is, you can pop outside of it Wednesday.

The London Economic Development Corp., in partnership with the City of London and the city's post-secondary institutions, is hosting the sixth annual Student 2 Business Conference.


Robert Collins
CONTRIBUTED
"It's an opportunity for students to get out of their purple bubble, or red bubble," said Robert Collins, the director of workforce development for LEDC. "You can go through your student life without seeing London and what's out there for you."

The evening event caters to the student bodies at Western University, Fanshawe College, and TriOS College, as well as a bevy of local employers. Nearly 600 students and about 300 employer representatives are expected to attend.

The itinerary includes a keynote address from best-

Looking for career path?

- **What:** Student 2 Business Conference
- **When:** Wednesday, starting at 4 p.m.
- **Where:** London Convention Centre

selling author Josh Linkner, who wrote *Disciplined Dreaming: A Proven System to Drive Breakthrough Creativity*. Also, plenty of time has been allotted for networking.

The conference is especially helpful for students who are unsure which career path to choose, since there's considerable diversity in the employer crop. Managers from the financial, health care, construction, not-for-profit and marketing industries — among others — will be on hand.

"It helps students to open their eyes to what's in London," Collins added.

JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Gambling ring. Police raid leads to arrests, warrants

Police in Ontario say they have nabbed the "management team" of an alleged multimillion-dollar illegal gambling operation linked to organized crime.

Six men were previously arrested in a bust at a Super Bowl party and police say they made 18 arrests in raids today in the London, Barrie and Toronto areas. RCMP said in an email to Metro that more details on the London portion of the operation would be released Wednesday.

Two men had already been arrested the first time around and now face additional charges including breaching their

Cash seized

\$5.5M

Investigators seized \$5.5 million in cash and four vehicles as proceeds of crime.

release conditions.

Police say the group was running an offshore betting site called the Platinum Sports Book, which officers allege is a joint enterprise between the Hells Angels and traditional organized crime.

Police are still looking for four other people and have issued warrants for their arrest.

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Budweiser Gardens

Globetrotters mix it up for next visit to London

The Harlem Globetrotters are coming back on April 17, with a new twist. For the You Write the Rules world tour, fans will decide the rules for the game. Visit harlemglobetrotters.com to vote for which groundbreaking rule you want to see in the game. Tickets are available at budweisergardens.com. METRO

Western symposium

Ed-tech expert Michael Wesch headlines event

Internationally acclaimed education technology expert Michael Wesch headlines Making TIES @ Western, a day-long symposium at Western University on Friday where more than 90 faculty, staff and students will demonstrate their innovations for teaching in higher education. METRO



Robin Pike, executive director of the Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons in B.C., speaks during a human-trafficking forum at the Hilton hotel Tuesday. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Human trafficking is a real issue in London, forum shows

Forced labour, sex slavery. Anecdotal evidence, location point to the crime occurring in the London area



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Did you know a recent study has revealed that about one in five London sex workers were forced into the trade?

That was a popular piece of information being discussed during Tuesday's human-trafficking forum, held at the Hilton hotel. The event, hosted by Western University's Violence Against Women Learning Network, brought in national experts to speak about policies,

human-rights issues and the underlying impacts of human trafficking.

"There is evidence to suggest human trafficking is happening in other major municipalities," London police Det. Amanda Pfeffer said. "I am confident in saying human trafficking exists in London."

Although Pfeffer says the London Police Service has not charged anyone with human trafficking, it's undoubtedly occurring. They've charged many people with similar offences, such as aggravated assault and extortion.

"London is geographically situated (in the middle of) the Windsor-Toronto corridor," added Louise Pitre, executive director of Sexual Assault Centre London. "So, we know there's trafficking activity somewhere."

Discussion continues on Wednesday

- Members of six anti-trafficking coalitions from across Ontario will meet to share initiatives about the issue in what's being called the Human Trafficking Knowledge Exchange.

The sexual assault centre, along with more than a dozen social agencies, Non-governmental organizations and community members, form the London Coalition Assisting Trafficked Persons. The group has received a \$50,800 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, according to a news release distributed at the forum.

The money will be used to accomplish three things: Develop and implement staff training curriculum; train at least 120 front-line workers and launch an interactive web-

site on human trafficking.

"It's such a complicated issue, so it's important to maintain a collaborative approach," Pfeffer said about being involved in the coalition.

The all-for-one, one-for-all attitude helps provide "wrap-around coverage" to those who have been forced into labour or sex slavery, says Sue Wilson, a leader behind the initiative.

"There's strong anecdotal evidence from the aboriginal community that there's lots of human trafficking of girls and women in the London area," she said.

Police seek dozens of women allegedly videotaped by psychiatrist

London police are widening their investigation of psychiatrist Stanley Dobrowolski.

Police said Tuesday they are looking to identify 34 women who were allegedly videotaped by Dobrowolski without their knowledge during physical exams between 2007 and 2012. If you were a patient of Dobrowolski's in that time frame,



you're asked to contact police.

This is the latest development in the case against Dobrowolski.

Last November, Dobrowolski was charged with one count each of

sexual assault and voyeurism. In January, police searched the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and computers seized from Dobrowolski's office at 47 Victoria St. in London.

At that time, police identified seven more incidents of Dobrowolski allegedly videotaping women without their

knowledge at his office. While a number of those women have been identified and interviewed, 34 have not, police said.

Former patients can contact police at 519-660-5842, or online at project@police.london.ca. Support is also available through Sexual Assault Centre London at 519-438-2272.

JIM REYNOLDS/METRO

Hugo Chavez's death elicits mixed reactions around the globe

Venezuelan president dead. The passing of the fiery leader brings varied responses — some called it a tragedy while others saw it as an opportunity for change

Reactions to the death of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez were as mixed, polemical and outsized as the leader was in life, with some saying his passing was a tragic loss and others calling it an opportunity for Venezuela to escape his long shadow.

Seen as a hero by some for his anti-U.S. rhetoric and gifts of cut-rate oil, others considered him a bully.

A teary-eyed Bolivian President Evo Morales, one of Chavez's closest allies and most loyal disciples, de-

clared that "Chavez is more alive than ever."

"Chavez will continue to be an inspiration for all peoples who fight for their liberation," Morales said Tuesday in a televised speech. "Chavez will always be present in all the regions of the world and all social sectors. Hugo Chavez will always be with us, accompanying us."

In Cuba, which has come to rely on Venezuela for billions of dollars in oil at preferential terms during Chavez's presidency, some were worried that the loss of their number one ally could have a negative ripple effect on the island.

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Canadian reaction

As Chavez, 58, finally succumbed Tuesday to the cancer that he had been fighting for nearly two years, Prime Minister Stephen Harper spoke out about the death.

- Harper offered his "condolences to the people of Venezuela," and said that he looked forward "to working with (Chavez's) successor and other leaders in the region to build a hemisphere that is more prosperous, secure and democratic."
- The prime minister in a statement said: "I hope the people of Venezuela can now build for themselves a better, brighter future based on the principles of freedom, democracy, human rights."

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Supporters of Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez react after the vice-president announced Chavez's death in downtown Caracas, Venezuela, on Tuesday. FERNANDO LLANO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Family feuds over gun remarks made by Pistorius' dad

A public feud erupted Tuesday within the family of Oscar Pistorius, the double-amputee Olympian charged with murdering his girlfriend, as the runner and his relatives distanced themselves from comments his father reportedly made about guns and crime in South Africa.

South Africa's ruling party, the African National Congress, also waded into the family dispute. A spokesman for the party accused Henke Pistorius, the runner's father, of racism for his observations reported in British newspapers about crime against white South Africans and the suggestion that the ANC government isn't adequately protecting them.

The Pistorius family and the reputation management firm it has hired are working to head off any negative publicity or controversy that might possibly have a bearing on the outcome of the runner's case, which could see him jailed for life if convicted of premeditated murder.

They quickly issued a state-



Olympic athlete Oscar Pistorius' father, Henke Pistorius, right, watches with his children as Oscar walks in during his bail hearing in February. THEMBA HADEBE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ment early Tuesday morning saying the family "is deeply concerned" about the father's interview that "doesn't represent the views of Oscar or the rest of the Pistorius family."

The Telegraph and Mirror newspapers quoted Henke Pistorius as saying the family owns handguns for self-defence. That is not unusual in South Africa.

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Baird: Palestinians could face 'consequences' for pursuing Israel at the UN

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird has told a powerful pro-Israel lobby that Palestinians will feel "consequences" from Canada if they pursue the Jewish state at the International Criminal Court.

Baird issued the warning just as the federal government considers whether to end hundreds of millions of dollars in Canadian humanitarian aid to the Palestinians when it expires at the end of this month.

Baird delivered his message to an approving audi-

ence Sunday in Washington at the annual conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

Canada strongly opposed the Palestinians' successful effort in November to win elevated status at the UN, and has warned them against using it to file an international legal complaint against Israel.

It has also opposed the Palestinian bid to win membership with the United Nations cultural organization, UNESCO.

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Deteriorating situation

North Korea vows to cancel Korean War cease-fire

North Korea vowed Tuesday to cancel the 1953 cease-fire that ended the Korean War, citing a U.S.-led push for punishing UN sanctions over its recent nuclear test and ongoing U.S.-South Korean

joint military drills.

The Korean People's Army Supreme Command warned of "surgical strikes" meant to unify the divided Korean Peninsula and of an indigenous, "precision nuclear striking tool."

The statement came amid reports that U.S. and North Korean ally Beijing have approved a draft UN resolution calling for sanctions.

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Law. Former drug chiefs urge U.S. to nullify two states' legal marijuana

Eight former U.S. drug chiefs warned the federal government Tuesday that time is running out to nullify Colorado and Washington's new laws legalizing recreational marijuana use, and a United Nations agency also urged challenges to the measures it says violate international treaties.

The former Drug Enforcement Administration chiefs criticized Barack Obama's administration for moving too slowly to file a lawsuit that would force the states to rescind the legislation. Marijuana is illegal under federal law.

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Choosing the next pope

Vatican still waiting for five cardinals for conclave

The Sistine Chapel closed to visitors on Tuesday and construction work got under way to prepare it for the conclave that will choose the next pope, but five cardinals had yet to arrive for the prepara-

tory meetings designed to acquaint themselves with one another and discuss the state of the Catholic Church.

The Vatican insisted nothing was amiss and that the five cardinals would be present in the coming days.

But their absence prompted questions about what could possibly be more important than participating in who will succeed Benedict XVI. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Try to enjoy it — spring unlikely to be hot

According to The Weather Network, the average winter conditions experienced across the country will give way to a typical spring in the coming weeks. Director of meteorology Chris Scott said spring temperatures are expected to hover near seasonal norms in most parts of the country. Residents of southern Ontario, Quebec and parts of Atlantic Canada may feel a little more warmth than their counterparts in the west. Stable ocean temperatures in the Pacific also suggest average levels of precipitation for most of the country. Scott said this year's forecast stands in stark contrast to the previous spring, when several of Canada's major cities recorded historic highs. JEFF STOKOE, RED DEER ADVOCATE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Politicians keep up blitz for Keystone XL

U.S. trips. Minister of natural resources and Sask. premier make their pitches stateside

Less than a week after the U.S. State Department all but dismissed the climate concerns dogging TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline, two high-profile Canadian politicians headed stateside Tuesday to push once again for approval.

The pitch from Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver contained a nugget of news for his audience as he assured them that long-awaited federal regulations on Canada's oil and gas sector were on the horizon.

"Once the federal regulations are in place, Canada will be one of a very few oil producers in the world with national binding regulations on its oil and gas sector," he said in his pitch to the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. The government is aiming to have those federal



Federal Minister of Natural Resources Joe Oliver THE CANADIAN PRESS

regulations ready by mid-year.

The new rules would seek to curb the sector's greenhouse emissions in order for Canada to meet a 2020 target for a 17 per cent overall cut. Rules are already set for the transportation and coal-fired electricity industries but they only take Canada halfway to the goal.

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall, meanwhile, began a four-day visit to the U.S. capital that

includes meetings with several top officials, including an assistant secretary of state on international environmental affairs and the majority leader of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Wall, too, will urge Americans to approve the pipeline. But he'll also tout his province's green initiatives, in particular its recent \$1.4-billion investment in a clean-coal project in Estevan, Sask. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Target's here, but the price isn't always right

Doubtful discounts.

Shoppers at three new Ontario stores find the savings don't match what's on offer in U.S.

The long-awaited arrival of U.S. discount giant Target means Canadians can now get their hands on the famed bull's-eye brand's wares without crossing the border — though the savings here might not equal those down south.

The retail chain, which opened its doors on Tuesday in three communities west of Toronto, has said Canadian customers will likely see a difference in pricing compared to items carried in its U.S. stores, with the company focused on being "competitively priced" with retailers in Canada.

A spokeswoman for Target Canada couldn't say exactly how that will play out on shelves in the newly launched Ontario stores in Guelph, Fergus and Milton or the dozens more loca-



Employees welcome the first shoppers who lined up for the new Target store in Guelph on Tuesday. The company is expected to open between 125 and 135 locations in Canada. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

tions the company expects to open across the country.

Pricing depends on a number of factors and it's difficult to give case-by-case examples or even narrow it down to categories of products more likely to warrant higher prices, Lisa Gibson said on Tuesday.

"In certain cases, the prices will actually be completely on par with U.S. prices and in some cases there might be some differences, but ... our overall goal

is to make sure we're competitive with the marketplace," she said, adding the company is also bringing in a five per cent reward program from the U.S.

At the Guelph store, a 2.95-litre bottle of Tide laundry detergent was priced at \$15.99 on Tuesday, compared with \$11.99 US on Target's American website. The same product was listed for \$15.99 on the Canadian Tire website.

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Dow wows. Stock index surges past all-time high

The Dow Jones industrial average closed at a record on Tuesday, beating the previous high it set in October 2007, before the financial crisis and the Great Recession.

The index rose 126 points, or one per cent, to 14,253, beating its previous record by 89 points. In fact, it is up nearly nine per cent this year, capping a remarkable comeback.

The Dow has more than doubled since falling to a low of 6,547 in March 2009 follow-

ing the financial crisis and the Great Recession. Stocks have rebounded sharply since then with the help of a large dose of stimulus from the Federal Reserve, even as the economic recovery has been slow and steady rather than spectacular.

"Whether they want to admit it or not, everyone is very impressed with the resilience of the market," said Alec Young, a global equity strategist at S&P Capital IQ.

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A trader at the New York Stock Exchange watches televised financial news on Tuesday. The Dow Jones industrial average reached an all-time high, powered by China's strong economic growth targets and a jump in European retail sales. MARK LENNIHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Retailer dispute. Martha takes the stand once more

Eight years after Martha Stewart was released from prison for lying about a stock trade, the home diva is now facing another legal mess that may not be easy to clean up.

Stewart, 71, took the stand in New York State Supreme Court on Tuesday morning. She is at the centre of a bitter legal battle between two of America's largest retailers — Macy's Inc. and J.C. Penney Co.

Macy's sued the media and merchandising company Stewart founded for breaching an exclusive contract when she signed a deal with Penney in December 2011 to open shops at most of its stores this spring.

Macy's, which has sold Martha Stewart products including towels and pots since 2007, is

trying to block Penney from selling those products.

The trial is clearly more than a contract dispute. It's a courtroom drama that's unfolding about disloyalty and greed.

Testimony has portrayed Stewart as someone who turned her back on her good friend and Macy's CEO Terry Lundgren so she could enrich her company.

Such allegations only reinforce her reputation as a ruthless businesswoman and could hurt her brand and image, brand experts say. The allegations come when the business is struggling to fatten merchandising revenue as it tries to offset declines in its broadcast and publishing divisions.

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Debit-card fraud drops

Interac Association says Interac debit-card fraud losses as a result of skimming are at their lowest level on record since 2003 — falling to \$38.5 million in 2012 from a high of \$142 million in 2009. Caroline Hubberstey, the head of external communications for Interac Association, says the ongoing conversion to chip technology is a vital tactic in fraud prevention. Unlike a magnetic stripe, she says, chip technology is extremely difficult to copy and reproduce. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Baggage restrictions

WestJet cuts carry-on limit

WestJet plans to reduce how much its passengers carry on, a move the airline says will make its increasingly full Boeing 737s less crowded and help align its baggage rules with those of other airlines.

After April 4, travellers will be allowed only one piece of carry-on luggage and one personal item. The airline had previously allowed passengers to bring two carry-on items and a personal item.

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Marketing faux pas

Kia Provo recalls the Troubles

Kia's new concept car, Provo, is designed to provoke comment. But to many across Ireland, the name sounds too much like a celebration of terrorism. Lawmakers from Northern Ireland formally appealed on Tuesday for the carmaker to junk the name of its planned supermini sports coupe because "Provo" is the nickname for the dominant branch of the outlawed Irish Republican Army, the Provisional IRA.

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Dreamliners

787 delays force plane switcheroo

Thomson Airways passengers expecting to fly the Boeing 787 Dreamliner on holiday trips in May and June will be put on other aircraft because of ongoing problems with the plane. The 787s had been expected to fly between Britain and resorts in Florida and Mexico.

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Food safety

China destroys Ikea cake

Chinese authorities have destroyed nearly two tonnes of chocolate cake imported by Ikea for violating food quality standards. The Shanghai quarantine bureau said Kraft cream cheese and 2.7 tons of Nestle chocolate bars also were among dozens of imported products destroyed in its latest inspections. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DO PRICEY JEANS COME WITH DEEP POCKETS?

During a recent trip to Montreal, I found myself engaged in a fascinating discussion with a 30-year-old metrosexual male who was passionately extolling the virtues of the \$450 pair of jeans he wore.

Now, I'm not one to dismiss the importance of personal style and presentation, but if I were Forrest Gump, I'd say, "I've worn lots o' jeans." While I can easily recognize an obvious difference in quality, I saw nothing that great in this particular pair.

I admitted to having owned a few pair of jeans for which I paid too much, even on sale. But I have never found them to improve as much with time as I've been told a good pair should.

Furthermore, \$450 is not the most shocking price tag around.

It seems that even Ye Olde Levi's Shoppe now produces a hand-sewn, heavy-denim product that retails for \$500.

Apparently, these magical pants will create the illusion that



JUST SAYIN'

Mike Benhaim

Guest columnist

even the oddest-shaped individual is actually fit.

Keeping an open mind, I began to pay attention to brand-name jeans, such as Diesel and 7 For All Mankind, that ranged between \$350 and \$900. Yeah, you heard me! And that's nothing.

APO Jeans will sell you a custom product with pockets lined in pure silk, a perfectly polished silver zipper and a real diamond button for \$4,000!

Why do I get the feeling there's a Kardashian behind this somewhere?

People of Earth, I beg you: for the sake of the children, "Stop the madness!"

They're jeans!

Jeans were meant to be comfortable and casual. The coolest ones are faded and frayed at the edges. They've been worn out in all the right places and can be passed on to someone else when your ass grows out of them.

Sure, you should expect to pay more now

than you did in the '80s, but please.

There are plenty of good quality, excellent-fitting jeans avail-

able for under \$100, and if you think they make you look fat then —you're fat! Work on that instead of putting all the pressure on your clothing.

Now, I can always forgive the feminine whimsy (within reason) if the result is extraordinary, but men: I speak on behalf of guys more and less macho than myself when I say to find a pair of jeans that feel good and spend \$20 getting them altered to your liking. That's it.

If your girlfriend wants to play dress-up with you, as some women will do, and buys you a pair of the ol' rhinestone cowgirls, return them for a cheaper pair and buy her a very nice dinner with the change. If you don't, you'll be scheduled the next day for a mani-pedi and full-body manscaping that sounds much nicer than it feels.

Now, I can hardly wait for all the stylish club-goers I've offended to tweet the cheap out of me, but I ask that the rest of you find this online and tell me where you buy YOUR jeans and how much you pay for them.

Just sayin'.



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Sally the camel had 1 maple leaf



MARTIN LIPMAN/CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE/HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fossils offer climate clues

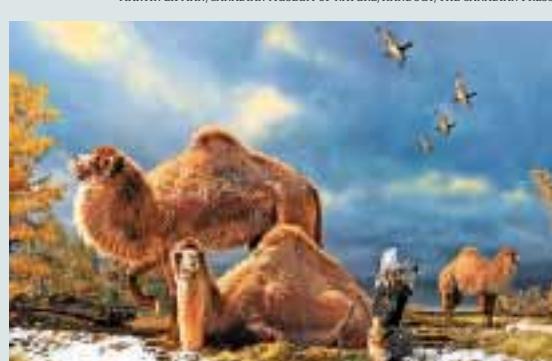
Dr. Natalia Rybcynski examines the fossil bones of the High Arctic camel laid out in a lab at the Canadian Museum of Nature.

The fossil evidence consists of about 30 bone fragments, which together form part of a limb bone of a camel. Found on Ellesmere Island, Nunavut, this is the northernmost discovery of camels in the Arctic, about 1,200

kilometres further north than the Yukon camel. The camel lived about three-and-a-half million years ago, when the region supported a boreal-type forest.

Back when this camel was browsing leaves and shoots, the entire global climate averaged about two or three degrees warmer than it is now.

That's about as much a difference as scientists say the Earth can undergo today without catastrophic changes. THE CANADIAN PRESS



An illustration of the High Arctic camel on Ellesmere Island during the Pliocene warm period, about three-and-a-half million years ago. HANDOUT

Clickbait

What was the worst hashtag fail so far? We'll let you be the judge.

#susanalbumparty

In November 2012, the PR team behind Britain's Susan Boyle was relentlessly mocked for their use of the 'susanalbumparty' hashtag.

#RIMjobs

In what will likely stand as the greatest Canadian hashtag fail, the company formerly known as Research in Motion chose to court prospective employees via the 'RIMjobs' hashtag.

#McDstories

Last year, McDonald's asked its customers to share memories of dining at the fast-food joint via a 'McDstories' hashtag. Sooner than you could say 'happy meal,' the tag was flooded with accounts of finding finger-

nails in Big Macs and other sordid stories.

#Rogers1Number

In another Canadian example, Rogers paid Twitter to keep the 'Rogers1Number' tag atop the site's list of trending topics last March. Of course, the hashtag allowed customers to publicize their complaints about poor service and perceived price-gouging.

#Hobbitch

Earlier this year, a Swiss company used the 'Hobbitch' hashtag to promote the latest installment in the Lord of the Rings movie franchise. It's a case of lost in translation, as .ch is the official domain name for Switzerland.

Letters

Re: Horsemeat big business in Alberta, published March 4.

The article indicates that only horses at their end of life are slaughtered.

This is not true! MANY YOUNG HEALTHY horses are slaughtered because the owners either don't know the possible outcome of taking their horse to an auction, or don't care.

There are also some irresponsible (using nice language here) horse breeders who purposely 'over breed'. They keep what they consider the cream of the crop and send the rest to auction.

Pat Rollock, Calgary

What is wrong with the world today? Can we not draw a line on which animals we will 'slaughter' and consume?

I am confused by the poll and growing acceptance of Canadians to consume horsemeat. Would you stand by and allow your cats and dogs to be slaughtered and then be eaten?

Ruth S., Whitby, Ont.

I was shocked by the article on horse meat. The reporter did not do enough research, the facts are that horse meat has been found in horsemeat often and it causes cancer in humans.

Cindy Cardy, London, Ont.

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A century of Oz-inspired entertainment

IN FOCUS

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When New Girl star Zooey Deschanel was two years old she watched The Wizard of Oz every day. "I had a hard time understanding that I couldn't go into the film," she said, "because it felt so real to me."

She's not alone. It is one of the most watched and universally adored Hollywood films ever.

This weekend Disney hopes to add to the legacy of the original film with Oz the Great and Powerful, a Sam Raimi directed prequel starring James Franco and Mila Kunis. Ever wondered why the wicked witch was so wicked? Or how the wizard became the wizard? With a click of its ruby slippers this movie fills in the blanks. It's not the first movie to try and woo an audience based on Oz and its citizens.

1910's The Wonderful Wizard of Oz was the first Baum book to hit the screen. Almost seven decades later, two very different musicals were inspired by the Oz folks.

20th Century Oz is a 1976 Australian rock musical that reimagines the classic story set in 1970s Australia. Two years later director Sidney Lumet adapted the Broadway hit The Wiz for the screen, casting Motown superstars Diana Ross as Dorothy and Michael Jackson as The Scarecrow. Although it was, at the time, the most expensive film musical ever made, it wasn't a hit in theatres.



This film image released by Disney Enterprises shows James Franco as Oz, left, and the character Finley, voiced by Zach Braff, in a scene from Oz the Great and Powerful. DISNEY ENTERPRISES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oz prequel brings Braff back to a 'magical place'

Oz the Great and Powerful. Director Sam Raimi 'at his finest' says the former Scrubs star

RICHARD CROUSE

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Years ago I asked one of the original Wizard of Oz munchkins to explain the movie's enduring appeal.

"Everybody can enjoy it," said Karl Slover who was just two feet tall when he played the first trumpeter. "There's no filthy language in it. I don't see no bikinis! No nudist colonies! Kids can watch it and parents don't have to worry because there's nothing bad in

there."

I recently asked Zach Braff the same question in an interview to promote Oz the Great and Powerful, a prequel to the most beloved movie of all time.

"It reminds us of our childhood," says the former Scrubs star, "and it reminds us of this magical place where crazy things happen. It is innocent and it is pure and it is amazing that it holds up. It was made in 1939, most kids don't see other movies made in 1939."

The new flick, co-starring James Franco, Mila Kunis, Rachel Weisz and Michelle Williams, is a state-of-the-art film, but it's something that has been gestating for some time.

"I heard that Walt Disney always wanted to make an Oz

movie," he says. "There's 13 books, so why not go back to that world and tell it from a 2013 perspective."

The new film echoes the original, starting with black and white scenes shot in Kansas before moving to the eye-popping fantasy world of Oz. The movie's modern twist is the addition of high tech tricks to make your eyes and ears dance. Braff calls the film's visual and audio tweaks — increasing the depth of the 3D and adding in surround sound for the Oz scenes, for example — "Sam Raimi at his finest."

Raimi, the director behind the Evil



Dead movies and a little franchise called Spider-Man, was the big reason Braff signed on to the project.

"I heard Sam wanted to meet me in his office. That's a good call to get."

Braff, who made his directorial debut on the 2004 indie film Garden State, calls Raimi a "wonderful mentor who let me watch this whole process." Even on his days off the actor would go to the set to learn about big budget filmmaking from watching the old pro work on Oz's enormous sets.

"Sam's the biggest mensch on earth. The guy's a saint. He's too good to be true."

Billy Corgan: a professional wrestler?

Billy Corgan might be best known as the frontman for The Smashing Pumpkins. But recently, he's been dabbling in his other passion, professional wrestling.

Fans got a little peek into Corgan's wrestling endeavours through an ad for Chicago furniture store Walter E. Smithe called Billy Corgan's Musical Chairs. The commercial also features some of the wrestlers from Resistance Pro, a professional wrestling promotion company that Corgan started, as well as the singer himself.

Tim Smithe, the chief marketing officer for Walter E. Smithe, came up with the idea for the ad with his brothers. He was confident he could get Corgan to sign on, even though he realized getting the Smashing Pumpkins star was a "long shot."

"I know a 'second cousin' of Billy, and tried that angle a few years ago, and it went nowhere," he admitted to Metro World News.

It wasn't until Smithe and Corgan met on Mancow, a talk show in Chicago, that he was



Billy Corgan, right, steps into the ring. HANDOUT

able to make his pitch in person.

"There was good, simple chemistry right away, and one thing lead to another during the commercial break," Smithe

said.

"And then a few days later, someone from his staff called and said Billy is ready to 'let the wrestling begin.' My brothers and I were thrilled."

See online

Watch The Smashing Pumpkins frontman try his talents in the ring, online at metronews.ca



Smithe said that Corgan was "chill, intelligent and confident" during the shoot.

"On the set he was down to earth, light-hearted, and loves his wrestling team from the bottom of his heart," Smithe said.

The Word



What's going on with Kim's matwardrobe?



THE WORD

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As a woman who has grown a baby in her uterus, I know how hard it is to find good maternity clothing. So I can relate to Kim Kardashian's problem of finding a flattering pregnancy wardrobe. But I'm not sure why she's continuing to dress like she

isn't pregnant.

I'm guessing her fashion-plate boyfriend, Kanye West, has something to do with it.

Case in point: as soon as Kardashian started to show, she decided to don this mesh-leather-feather-pants ensemble that made her resemble a motorcycle-riding ostrich. Then she wore this ill-fitting white ensemble on Saturday, which is made for a much taller, much less knocked-up person.

I'm not saying you can't look nice while pregnant. I'm just saying you should probably leave the high fashion at home.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES



Swift: Back up those rumours, people

Taylor Swift has some news for everyone keeping track of her love life. "If you want some big revelation, since 2010 I have dated exactly two people," she tells *Vanity Fair*, referring to high schooler Conor Kennedy and One Direction member Harry Styles. "The fact that there are slide shows of a dozen guys that I either hugged on

a red carpet or met for lunch or wrote a song with, it's just kind of ridiculous." But she doesn't let all the talk get to her. "One of these things I say to myself to calm myself down when I feel like it's all too much ... if there's a pregnancy rumour, people will find out it's not true when you wind up not pregnant," she says.

Bieber booed in London

Justin Bieber's troublesome stay in London continued this week when he got a late start at the O2 Arena, courting boos from an angry audience, according to the BBC. "Last night I was scheduled after three opening acts to go on stage at 9:35, not 8:30, but because of some technical issues I got on at 10:10, so I was 40 minutes late to [the] stage. There is no excuse for that and I apologize for anyone we upset," he tweeted.



Justin Bieber

Twitter



@SarahSilverman
BACKFIRE: This AdvilPM is giving me the dancing bug

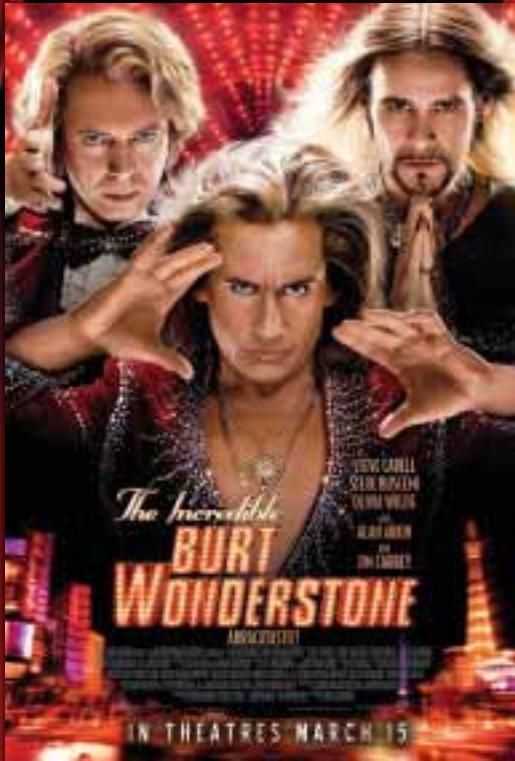


@Rosie
On my way to film SMASH — love that show so much ... I am playing me — luckily I have done a lot of research ;)



@MARLONLWAYANS
Ballng hard in my solitude of peace ... Whatever that means

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If you are Cuba-bound this March Break, a day trip to Havana is a must. For a true taste of this time-warped capital, be sure to visit these must-see spots.



ON THE MOVE
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Take a vintage car ride

The country is home to approximately 60,000 classic American automobiles that industrious Cubans have kept running since the 1959 revolution. Although a very walkable city, an hour long tour is a great way to get oriented. Ask the driver to cruise along the Malecon, an eight kilometre boulevard stretching alongside the Atlantic Ocean. Either arrange in advance through Gran Car or find a driver in Parque Central.

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Hot spots in Havana

Soak up the atmosphere of a retro hotel

Built on a hill above the Malecon, the grand Hotel Nacionale's 1930s tiled lobby and colonnaded veranda looking out to the sea is right out of a movie. The heart of Old Havana is sprinkled with smaller hotels, like Hotel Raquel, which have painstakingly restored their interior courtyards into an oasis of luxury. All are worth a peek.



Get a glimpse of glory at Plaza Vieja

Check out the Plaza Vieja. It has been undergoing a decade-long restoration and gives a glimpse of what Havana could look like if returned to its former glory. Make sure you also wander the narrow, congested, delightfully intriguing, cobbled surrounding streets of the old city. The UNESCO World Heritage site contains almost 1,000 buildings of historic importance.

Hang out in Parque Central

The buzz created by masses of Cubans and tourists passing through the park is infectious. The building housing the Cuban National Ballet is stunning. And no visit is complete without a photo in front of the Capitolio Nacional. It was completed in 1929 as a tribute to its sister building in Washington, D.C.



Try a mojito, a la Hemingway

El Floridita and La Bodeguita del Medio are the two most famous ones, largely due to their affiliation with author Ernest Hemingway. Word is he preferred the daiquiris at the former and mojitos at the latter. I tried both and agree. In addition to pouring over the throwback decor, the frequent appearance of live bands gives an opportunity for a taste of the vibrant Cuban music.



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HOT SPOTS IN HAVANA

Drink of the Week

Wild Hearts

Sweet Coca-Cola flavour meets Wild Turkey and Amaretto in this combination.

Have one or two or three and go wild — as long as you have a designated driver.

- 2 oz. Wild Turkey 81
- 1 oz. cherry-flavoured Cola
- 0.5 oz. Amaretto

Combine Wild Turkey 81, cherry-flavoured Cola and Amaretto on the rocks and garnish with a cherry.

COURTESY OF WILD TURKEY



Bite into the low-fat side of a Philly Cheese Steak



This recipe serves eight. BRIAN MACDONALD, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)



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A Philly Cheese Steak sandwich is high in calories, fat and sodium. But if you use a top sirloin, which is lean, you'll be shocked how delicious it is at just 170 calories per serving and 8.2 grams of fat.

1. Preheat the oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with foil.

2. Spray non-stick skillet with cooking oil, add vegetable oil and place over medium heat. Add onions and sauté 8 mins. Add garlic, sugar, salt, pepper and bell pepper. Sauté 5 minutes. Set aside and keep warm.

3. Spray skillet with cooking oil and place over high heat. Cook steak until done to your preference, approx. 5 mins. Cool 5 mins. before cutting into

Ingredients

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 cups sliced onions
- 2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 2 tsp brown sugar
- 1/4 tsp salt and pepper
- 1 cup each sliced red and green bell pepper
- 8 oz grilling steak
- 2 tbsp low-fat mayo
- 3 tbsp low-fat sour cream
- 2 tsp horseradish
- 4 small wholegrain rolls (6-inch), split
- 3/4 cup grated provolone

thin slices. Add to the veg mix.

4. Combine mayo, sour cream and horseradish. Spread over both sides of rolls. Divide filling among 4 rolls, sprinkle with cheese and replace top half of bun. Place on prepared baking sheet; bake 5 mins. Slice in half.

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Cook live with Vikram Vij

Vikram Vij, an award-winning chef in Vancouver, and Metro want to help you find time for family meals. Our mission starts in the form of Canada's first live online cooking show to air Thursday at 6 p.m. ET at metronews.ca/vijcooklive

- **Get ready.** Visit the website to download a copy of the recipe and a complete shopping list before the broadcast. Vij's simple Indian meal is family friendly and he will show you step by step how to prepare it.
- **Have a question?** They can be tweeted live during the show using the hashtag #vijcooklive.

• **Online.** Remember to visit metronews.ca/vijcooklive Thursday at 6 p.m. ET for Canada's first live online cooking show.



Anchovies move past pizza duties to star in a sandwich

1. Heat the oven to broil. Set a wire rack over a rimmed baking sheet. Coat the rack with cooking spray.

Season with salt and pepper, then set aside.

3. In bowl mix ricotta, thyme and lemon juice. Set aside.

4. Slice each tomato into 6 thin slices. Arrange the slices on the prepared wire rack, then season them with salt and pepper. Set them on the



This recipe serves two. MATTHEW MEAD / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lunch. Turkey Club with Avocado Aioli



This zesty twist on the classic Turkey Club sandwich is a flavourful, healthier option that is sure to tantalize your taste buds and keep you healthy.

1. Avocado Aioli: purée avocado, garlic, lime juice, horseradish and hot sauce with either a food processor or mortar and pestle. Set aside.

2. Turkey club: Spread aioli over one side of each slice of toast. Top 2 slices of toast with bacon, turkey, tomato slices, 2 pieces of lettuce and remaining slices of toast to form sandwiches. NEWS CANADA/NATURALLYDEMPSTERS.CA

Ingredients

Avocado Aioli

- 1 avocado, seeded and peeled
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) lime juice
- 1 tsp (5 ml) horseradish
- Dash hot sauce

Turkey club

- 4 slices Dempster's Smooth Multigrains Bread, toasted
- 4 slices turkey bacon, cooked
- 1 (175 g) package Natural Selections Shaved Roasted Turkey
- 1 tomato, sliced
- 4 lettuce leaves

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oven's centre rack and broil until lightly browned, about 4 to 6 minutes.

5. Meanwhile, cut the baguette into two 6-inch lengths, then slice each one in half lengthwise. Place in the oven, cut side up, and toast for just a minute or two, just long enough to warm and lightly brown.

6. When bread and tomatoes are done, top each piece of baguette with a quarter of the ricotta, then arrange 3 tomato slices over each. Top each with a quarter of arugula and 3 anchovies. Eat im-

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 2 cups arugula
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 1 cup ricotta cheese
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh thyme
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 2 large slicing tomatoes
- 12-inch baguette
- 12 oil-packed anchovies

Many a meet-and-greet. Tackling the tech job interview takes time



Practise that pitch. Attend interview workshops, speak to a career advisor or participate in a mock interview. iSTOCK

You got an interview. Congratulations!

It's likely you searched for jobs on websites, leveraged your network and wowed a recruiter with your résumé and cover letter. But you're not done selling yourself just yet.

University of Waterloo career advisor Tanya Gillert says tech graduates can expect to be screened by an in-house recruiter or a member of the company's HR department before one or two technical phone screens and up to four on-site interviews with the employer.

"In an interview, recruiters are determining if they like you, if you know your stuff and if you are passionate about your field and specialty," she says. "Employers want to know if an applicant is adaptable, flexible and productive."

Here's a list of Gillert's top tips on how to ace the technology job interview and get the job.

Know the employer

Research the company's structure, history and mission. Learn about what the company sells, the clients they target and how they compete in their industry. Find out what motivates management and employees.

How can you tell an interviewer that you'll fit in seamlessly with the company's culture if you know nothing about them?

Do your research

How can you tell an interviewer that you'll fit in seamlessly with the company's culture if you know nothing about them?

Tanya Gillert
Career advisor

Know the position

Employers will list the skills, knowledge and qualifications they expect someone they hire to possess. Read the job listing and show them that you meet their requirements, Gillert says.

You can expect technical questions to be tailored to the role. Be prepared to write code, talk about code and find any errors in code quickly.

Know yourself

Know your strengths and weaknesses. Practise coding and solving problems in front of people. Be prepared to answer the types of questions Gillert says technology students can expect to be asked, including:

- coding and common algorithms
- design and redesign
- puzzles and brain teasers
- number theory

Practice how to solve these types of problems and if you don't know something, learn it.

CHRISTINA PELLEGRINI
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Looking for a job? Lose the white socks

Suit yourself!

Formal interview attire is preferred by one-third of CIOs

OLIVIA HOSKIN
TalentEgg.ca

When it comes to information technology interviews, interviewees can never be too formal.

Students and recent grads looking to become IT professionals may want to trade in their casual interview attire for something more suitable: a suit. The statistics don't lie; in a recent Robert Half Technology survey, 33 per cent of CIOs said a suit was the most appropriate attire for someone interviewing for an IT job. Additionally, 29 per cent favoured tailored separates, while another 29 per cent prefer khakis and collared shirts.

It takes only a few seconds to form a first impression, and for a short interview, those seconds may make or break your chances of being hired.

Here are a few technology job interview attire guidelines:

Be comfortable

You want to be as confident and comfy as possible! If you are physically uncomfortable, this will show in your behaviour during the interview. Women, this means saving those stilettos for the club, not the office.

Don't overlook the small things

Make sure your shoes match



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your belt (or purse), and never, ever wear white socks! Ensure you are wrinkle and stain-free, well groomed and clean. If you are unsure, ask a professional ... or your mom.

Everything in moderation

Choose one "thing" that interviewers can remember you by, like a bow in your hair or a uniquely-coloured dress shirt, but ultimately, the interview is

about your qualities and skills, not your fashion sense. Remember to avoid overwhelming perfumes/colognes, excessive or inappropriately-coloured makeup and distracting jewelry.

Shut it off!

This is an obvious step that if forgotten, is often an immediate deal-breaker. Skip the silent setting and turn your phone off when you have interviews. Be present and distraction free.

Webcam interviews are still interviews

To ensure that you are distraction-free for webcam interviews, book a study room at school for an hour or two. This ensures a quiet and distraction-free zone. If you do not have access to a private room, just be sure to dress professionally from head to toe.

Dressing on a dime

As a student or recent grad, how does one go about purchasing such expensive interview accessories?

• Personally, as a student, I am on a tight budget when it comes to pretty much everything. Due to this I have had to search far and wide to find interview clothing at reasonable prices. Some popular methods include outlet stores, coupons and customer reward programs, shopping during the off-season and hitting up thrift stores.

• Of these suggestions, my favourites are shopping the off-season and thrifting. End of season sales are excellent for discovering cheap but new items that you can either save for the next year or wear immediately. Interviews in March are perfect because you can buy end-of-winter items and use them for a month before it gets too warm.

• If you want even cheaper clothing you can visit liquidation sales or thrift stores. Some of my favourites include the Salvation Army, Talize and Value Village.

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The darlings of this year’s World Figure Skating Championships, which will be held in London next week, say they’ve “polished” their silver medal-winning routine from the 2013 Four Continents Championships.

“You could say we made some mistakes in our free program, technically,” admitted Ilderton native Scott Moir, one half of Canada’s best ice dancing pair.

It didn’t help when his partner, Londoner Tessa Virtue, experienced a strong leg cramp during the free dance portion of February’s Four Continents meet. The injury forced a temporary stoppage to their program, ultimately costing them a chance at standing atop the podium.

“To be honest, we were really, really pushing it in training,” said Virtue, when asked of the cramp’s origins on a Tuesday media call. “We were really trying to improve on our speed and power, and the intensity of our training increased significantly.”

Virtue insists the injury is a non-issue as they eye a third world championship title, this time on home ice at Budweiser Gardens.

Although Virtue and Moir are ranked No. 2 by the International Skating Union, lagging behind Americans Meryl Davis and Charlie White, the



Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir skate in the free dance at the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championship on Feb. 10 in Osaka, Japan. ATSUSHI TOMURA/GETTY IMAGES

2010 Olympics gold medalists feel confident.

“Our programs are better than they have been all year,” Virtue, 23, said. “The plan was to peak at worlds and I think we’re right on track.”

Moir, 25, calls the pair’s programs — And The Waltz Goes On for short dance; Carmen for free dance — ambitious. They arrived home from two of the past three world championships with gold in tow.

“It can be frustrating when you push it early in your season. When you go out and compete with a tough, good program, you might not get rewarded right away,” he said.

The pair, together since 1997, has expressed they will likely part ways after the 2013 Olympics in Sochi, Russia. This means London could be their final world championships.

“It’s hard to believe (Sochi) is coming up so quickly,” Virtue said.

When they dance

Ice dancing schedule for 2013 World Figure Skating Championships:

- Thursday, March 14, starting at 5:15 p.m. – short dance
- Saturday, March 16, starting at 2:30 p.m. – free dance

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1 Soccer. Ronaldo helps Madrid advance

Cristiano Ronaldo made a devastating impact in his return to Manchester United, scoring in the 69th minute to send Real Madrid into the Champions League quarter-finals with a 2-1 victory. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2 NHL. Weiss expected to be out for season

The Florida Panthers announced Tuesday that forward Stephen Weiss is expected to have season-ending wrist surgery. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3 Curling. Martin falls again at Brier

Kevin Martin, one of the three pre-tournament favourites at the Tim Hortons Brier in his hometown of Edmonton, fell to 1-4 on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Holzer passes audition in Toronto



Korbinian Holzer GETTY IMAGES

The Toronto Maple Leafs’ mandate with Korbinian Holzer was to play him in the NHL this season and gauge if the native of Munich could play at that level.

Consider that mandate fulfilled.

The club announced Tuesday afternoon it had signed the 25-year-old defenceman to a two-year contract extension. Details were not confirmed, but

the deal is believed to be worth \$1.575 million US.

Holzer, who was in the last year of a contract that pays him \$575,000 this season, will earn \$725,000 in the first year of the deal and \$850,000 in the final year. He was eligible for unrestricted free agency this coming off-season.

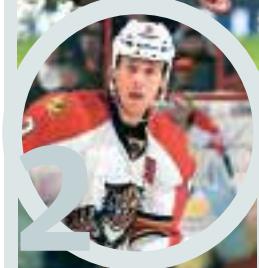
Holzer was selected in the fourth round, 111th overall

in the 2006 entry draft. He has spent the past several seasons gaining experience with the AHL’s Toronto Marlies.

Holzer has played 16 games for the Leafs this season, and coach Randy Carlyle has not been afraid to work him 15-plus minutes a game. His highest ice time was 23:41 on Feb. 7 at Winnipeg.

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Sports in pictures



Road-bound Knights ready for Attack



London Knights defenceman Nikita Zadorov slips a puck past backup goaltender Jake Patterson during a team workout at Western Fair Sports Centre on Tuesday. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Junior hockey

Knights short-listed to host 2014 Memorial Cup

The London Knights are one of three teams selected to make formal bid presentations to host the 2014 MasterCard Memorial Cup.

The Barrie Colts and the Windsor Spitfires join London on the short list.

All three clubs will present before the 2014 MasterCard Memorial Cup Site Selection Committee on April 17 in Toronto.

The Knights will have one hour to plead their case and are allowed to have five people in the room to impress the committee.

"We're going to have a very compelling bid," said Knights governor Trevor Whiffen.

A major component of the bidding process is the competitive level of the team, and the Knights should have a clear advantage there, according to Whiffen.

"We may be returning as many as 15 kids next year that will have already been drafted by the NHL," he said.

The successful bid will be announced in May.

METRO

PGA. McIlroy says he regrets walking off course

Rory McIlroy says he should have finished his second round at the Honda Classic, telling Sports Illustrated magazine that "it was not the right thing to do" to walk out after eight holes of his second round.

McIlroy was 7 over par for the round and headed toward another missed cut when he hit his second shot into the water on the 18th and abruptly withdrew without finishing the hole. On his way to the parking lot, he told reporters that his head was not in the right place. He later issued a statement that his wisdom tooth was causing pain.

"It was a reactive decision," McIlroy told the magazine in a telephone interview Sunday night. "What I should have done is take my drop, chip it on, try to make a 5 and play my hardest on the back nine, even if I shot 85. What I did was not good for the tournament, not good for the kids and the fans who were out there watching me. It was not the right thing to do."

The 23-year-old from Northern Ireland said his lower wisdom teeth are growing sideways and he has been prescribed a painkiller, which he did not use Friday. Even so, he said it was frustration over his



Rory McIlroy walks off the course at the Honda Classic on Saturday in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

STUART FRANKLIN/GETTY IMAGES

swing that led to him leaving.

McIlroy switched to Nike equipment late last year after signing an endorsement contract said to be upward of \$20 million a year. The world's No. 1 player says his swing has been a bigger problem than the new clubs, and he was practising with swing coach Michael Bannon the afternoon that he withdrew.

He is playing the Cadillac Championship at Doral this week and is to speak to the media on Wednesday.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OHL. London's last leg of regular season will be spent away from Budweiser Gardens

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Like the 18 other Ontario Hockey League teams, the Owen Sound Attack will not win its season series versus the London Knights.

Even if they manage to snap London's seven-game winning streak on Wednesday, the 2011 OHL champs still drop the series 4-2.

However, a few factors are up against the Knights this time around. The Attack won the last meeting; Owen Sound can't be too happy about London locking up first place in the Western Conference; and the Knights' best players, Seth Griffith and Scott Harrington, are sidelined.

Then there's the absence of home-ice advantage.

"It's a tough rink to play

in," said London forward Max Domi, referring to the Harry Lumley Arena in Owen Sound. "The fans get on you pretty good."

The Knights have six games remaining in their 68-game regular-season schedule. Four of them involve facing lower-tier clubs; all of them are away from the friendly confines of Budweiser Gardens.

"This road trip could be a really good thing for us," said Domi, who is tied for the team lead in points with 82. "We're a close-knit team right now, but could get closer."

Sunday's 6-1 thumping of the Kitchener Rangers should help, as powerful Knights winger Josh Anderson dropped the mitts in response to a check to the head of linemate Chris Tierney. It was his sixth fight of the season.

"That's one of the jobs you've got to do," said the Columbus Blue Jackets fourth-round pick. "If you're a big guy like me, you have to stick up for your teammates."

The six-foot-two, 193-pounder has grown seven inches and put on 40 pounds in about

How they stack up

LONDON (46-12-2-2)

- Leading scorer is Max Domi (39 goals, 43 assists)
- Goaltender is Anthony Stolarz (.927 save percentage)

OWEN SOUND (39-18-1-4)

- Leading scorer is Daniel Catenacci (34 goals, 38 assists)
- Goaltender is Jordan Binnington (.931)

two years. Before the physical growth, Anderson was the one in need of occasional support.

Promising 17-year-old Jacob Jammes also fought in the Kitchener game. It was the offensively minded forward's debut in the OHL boxing ring.

Anderson remembers the feeling well — and the ribbing afterwards. "We fooled around with him after the game, said a couple of things," he said. "He had a smile on his face though, so it's all good."

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Design

Volkswagen's designers have done as great a job fashioning the Beetle Convertible as they did with the hatchback and have even succeeded in creating a less minuscule trunk. Just make sure you pack only the essentials. To be fair, the split-folding rear seat lets you extend the stowage area when two or three passengers are aboard.

2013 VW Beetle Convertible

- **Type.** Two-door, front-wheel-drive convertible
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I5 (170)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$30,300

Engine

The five-cylinder does a decent job at around-town speeds, but the power tends to fall off at highway velocities.

Only a single powertrain is being offered in Beetle Convertibles sold in Canada: A 170-horsepower 2.5-litre five-cylinder. Our fortunate American cousins will also be able to select a turbocharged 200-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder, or a 140-horsepower 2.0-litre turbo-diesel.

Roof

The soft top is triple lined on the outside and has three layers of insulation on the inside to minimize noise. Two electric motors raise and lower the top in 9.5 and 11 seconds, respectively, at vehicle speeds up to 50 km/h. The top no longer extends beyond the rear deck when folded, which makes for a much tidier appearance.

Review. Volkswagen's drop-top has arrived in all its attention grabbing glory

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When Volkswagen introduced the Beetle hatchback for the 2012 model year, you had to suspect the convertible edition was hard on its heels.

Convertible Beetles have been around since 1949, when the first rear-engine, air-cooled Type 15 was launched. VW sold more than 330,000 of them worldwide over the next 32 years, then cranked out another 235,000 New Beetle Convertibles from 2003 until the 2010 model year when it was put out to pasture.

The third-generation Beetle (the "New" is gone) Convertible that goes on sale in mid-February maintains the tradition, but in a less-retro way.

Visually, the body is slightly lower, but is now a substantial 8.5 centimetres wider and about 15 centimetres longer than the old New Beetle. That means significantly more leg and elbowroom, for both front- and rear-seat passengers. Front headroom is nearly as generous as before despite the lower profile, while rear-seat headroom actually increases slightly.

The Beetle Convertible benefits from a more rigid body architecture with 20 per cent more resistance to bending and twisting. This is helpful since convertibles don't have a roof structure to join the back and the front of the car together. The only real support is in the floor.

Base Beetle Convertibles fall under the Comfortline trim name and include most power and climate accouterments plus a set of roll bars behind the back seat that immediately pop up should a tip-over be detected. Heated front seats and leatherette seat covers are included, but beware of burning



The convertible's interior is similar to the coupe's, which is to say stylish and inviting. You no longer face acres of dashboard surface as in the previous model, since the front seats are no longer positioned near the middle of the car.

skin on hot summer days.

The High-line adds a genuine leather interior, sport bucket seats, push button start, 17-inch wheels (16s are standard) and fancier interior/exterior trim.

High-line models can also be enhanced with a 400-watt nine-speaker Fender audio system and touch-screen

navigation.

In content and usable space, the Beetle Convertible represents a giant leap forward. It's no longer a cutesy toy car, but should now resonate with performance-minded buyers who would prefer the option of bringing a few friends along to savour the open-air experience.

By comparison

1 BMW 1-series convertible
Base price: \$43,400



2 Fiat 500C
Base price: \$21,600



3 Mini Cooper convertible
Base price: \$31,000

The Chevrolet SS: It's about time

Auto Pilot. It's been 17 long years since Chevy released a model like this



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At last weekend's big NASCAR race in Daytona, Chevrolet officially unveiled its newest sedan, the 2013 Chevrolet SS.

When it arrives in dealerships at the end of the year, it will be the first time in 17 years that Chevrolet will offer a rear-drive V8-powered sedan in North America.

Hallelujah.

I guess I have a soft spot for Chevrolet rear-drive V8 sedans, because they were what my father drove during the 1970s, when I was a very impressionable and car-needy teenager. He taught me to drive in his 1971 Chev-



The 2013 Chevrolet SS, and its NASCAR Sprint Cup equivalent, both made their official debuts at last weekend's Daytona 500. SUBMITTED

rolet Impala.

Good on Chevrolet for realizing that the brand needs to have at least one of these beasts in its catalogue. People yearn for them, it's part of Chevrolet's heritage, and it corrects that strained NASCAR visual universe,

where Chevrolet-based NASCAR teams have been covering their ferocious rear-drive V8 racecars with body shells based on Impala stylings. The Impala has been a neutered, front-drive V6 sedan since 2000.

No coincidence that the

NASCAR Chevrolet SS race car also debuted at the Daytona race. And right on script, five-time series champion Jimmie Johnson, in the No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet SS, took home the checkered flag.

The Chevrolet SS also upholds the "SS" designa-

tion with pride and purpose. (The brand has traditionally reserved those letters to designate high-performance Chevys.) The new SS will be motivated by essentially the same, newly-engineered 6.2-litre small-block V8 used in the 2013 Corvette — good

From Oz

- The SS uses a derivative of the rear-drive platform under Camaro, a platform initially developed by Holden, GM's subsidiary in Australia.
- Holden will build the SS in Australia, and ship them to us here in North America. But don't expect a lot of them to be built.

for 415-hp and 415 lb-ft of torque. The only transmission is a six-speed automatic with manual shifters mounted on the steering wheel.

Rear-drive V8 sedans were once ubiquitous. Now they are premium pieces, which is the way they should be I guess. Not too many of us need that much engine. But as we've seen time and time again, when it comes to automobile love, or any kind of love for that matter, need has nothing to do with it.

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Since teens tend to be more tech-savvy than older drivers, they may have a false sense of security about multi-tasking on the road. ISTOCK

Tickets don't stop teens from distracted driving

Driving Force. Safety biggest deterrent, while fines would only stop 7 per cent, poll finds

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Cars are safer today than they've ever been, but driv-

ers aren't necessarily so. Car crashes are the number one cause of death among Canadian teenagers and recent statistics indicate that distracted driving is a factor in as many as 20 to 80 per cent of all collisions.

"We're targeting teens at anything to do with distracted driving," says Carmine Venditti, agency manager for Allstate Insurance Canada. "We list such things as eat-

ing, texting, speaking on the phone or putting on makeup while driving. These are things that are not keeping you focused on the road."

In a recent online poll, Allstate found that while 94 per cent of those responding said they were aware they could be charged for distracted driving, most of them cited safety as the main reason for staying off the phone and focusing on driving. Only seven per cent

said that the threat of a ticket was the real deterrent.

Some 89 per cent of high school students polled, age 13 to 17, also said they would voice concern if they were riding in a vehicle and the driver was distracted.

"It's difficult to be age-specific, but we're seeing a lot more distracted driving at a younger age level," Venditti says. "The numbers drop somewhat as the age group gets older, but distracted driving is happening to adults too. What we saw was that the teenagers are bringing this over to their parents, and we're hearing, 'I see my dad doing this, and I tell him not to do it.'"

One problem, according to Venditti, is that younger drivers are usually more tech-savvy and for them, texting while they're doing something else isn't all that difficult. "Multi-tasking is something that's easy for them, and they think they can text and drive," she says. "People say they won't do it, but it's difficult to know if they will. The legislation isn't scaring them, so we're hoping they'll understand the impact and the consequences on them and their families."

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

There is no point complaining if you are forced to do something against your will today because it won't make any difference. Anyway, why would you complain when it will work in your favour?

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You may be practical and methodical by nature but don't immerse yourself in details too deeply today or you may lose sight of the wider picture — a picture that looks brighter by the moment.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If you have ambitions to be someone important then this is clearly a make or break time. It won't just happen as if by magic, of course, but it will happen if you are determined to make it happen. Get busy.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

A friend is opposing you only because they genuinely believe they are acting in your best interests. Inform them that you are the one who decides what your interests are, though be polite about it.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Cut back on your workload over the next few days, even if it means you earn less than before. Don't worry that you won't be able to make ends meet. You should know by now that fate usually provides.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

If there is a project that needs completing, now is the time to make that extra effort. If there is a relationship that needs rescuing, now is the time to kiss and make up.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

It seems you are weighed down by domestic chores. Fortunately, beneficial events over the next two days will lighten your load and free up time for more enjoyable things. Love is in the air.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Keep your plans under wraps so no one has the chance to steal your ideas. One of the most creative times of the year will begin quite soon, so it's OK to put your own needs first.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

If you allow your emotions to get the better of you today then squabbles are inevitable, but if you refuse to give in to negative emotions then you will sail through the day with ease. The choice is yours.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Think before you speak today but don't hold back once you have decided what you want to say. Not everyone will be happy with your observations but what matters is that you call it as you see it.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Resist the urge to splash out on things you don't really want or need. Impulse buying will deplete your resources faster than you thought possible, so let someone else hold the purse strings.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

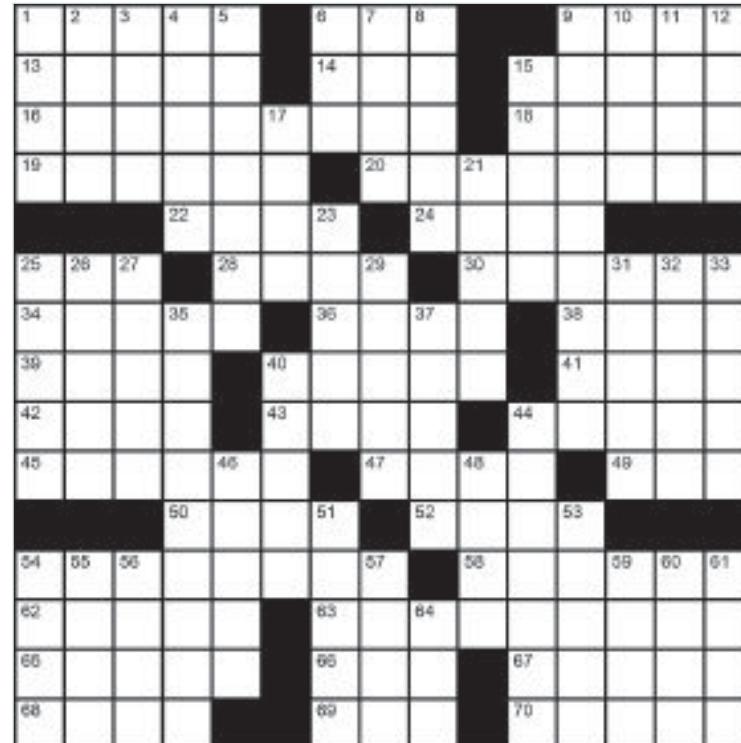
It's time to start something that delights you. It does not matter what your work or family responsibilities may be you must make time for what you enjoy.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Drinks at ice cream parlors
6. Wanna-__ (Aspirants)
9. Steve __ (Anti-apartheid activist portrayed in 1987 film "Cry Freedom")
13. __ of faith
14. Keyboard key
15. Practical joke
16. Prime Minister William Lyon __ King
18. __ mortis
19. Tempt
20. Its motto is Gloriosus et Liber
22. Not yet final, at law
24. Peru's capital
25. Violin' suffix
28. Engrave
30. Newfoundland town with an international airport
34. Swimming spots
36. Go backpacking
38. Biblical peak
39. Guess Who's "Hang __ Your Life"
40. __-Tracy, Quebec
41. Rick's 1942 film beloved
42. God: French
43. Train: Spanish
44. "Bolero" composer
45. Writer
47. Singer Ms. Brickell
49. Stop
50. Walk on ice, do this
52. J.R.R. Tolkien creatures
54. Vancouver band, __ Trench
58. Painter or sculptor

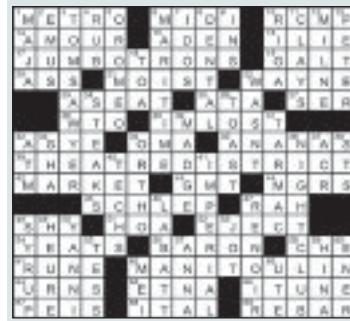


Down

1. Broadway Auntie
2. Mr. Thicke (Actor born in Kirkland Lake, Ontario)
3. Univ. professor's speech
4. __ ' Care of Business" by BTO
5. Charles Darwin's On the Origin of __
6. Director Mr. Luhrmann
7. __. round (Part of a tournament)
8. Be a thief
9. Royal Yacht __ (Yacht that Queen Elizabeth used)
10. Character in Shakespeare's Othello
11. Dresser drawer attach-

12. Ingredient in Cajun cooking
15. __ ballerina
17. Savings = __ egg
21. Mr. Lythgoe, "American Idol" executive producer
23. Blood of ancient Greek gods
25. Apple music players
26. Type of boom
27. Bag carrier
29. New employee
31. __ into (Do investigative work)
32. Buddy of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
33. Wonka creator Mr. Dahl
35. American state with Acadian ancestry
37. The Way of the Sword, martial art of Japan
40. American writer Gertrude
44. Military enlistee
46. Point a finger at
48. Baghdad's locale
51. Use glue
53. Hidden hoard
54. Canada Post stuff
55. __ time (Never): 2 wds.
56. Authentic
57. Navigate
59. __-bitsy
60. Soap __ (Bathroom cleanser's target)
61. You, Shakespeare-style
64. Mr. Stallone, nick-named

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

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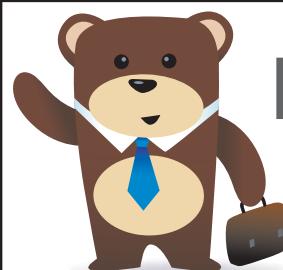
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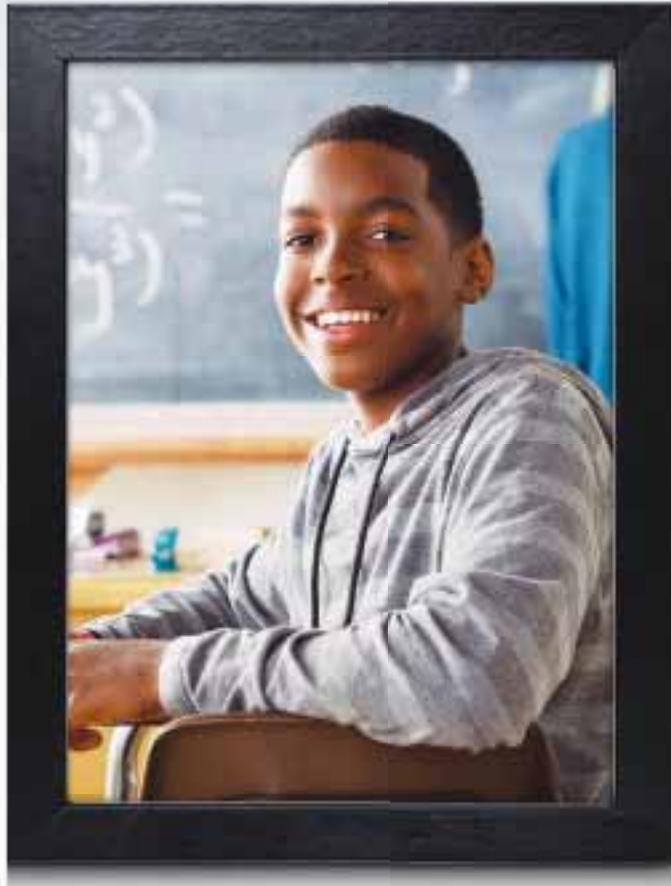
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